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LETTERS, &c.,

TO THE

REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.,

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TO THE

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REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.

QUÉBEC, 11 *Mai*, 1855.

MON CHER DOCTEUR,

C'est avec bien du plaisir que je me prête, à la demande que vous me fîtes l'autre jour de vous écrire quelques lignes pour exprimer l'opinion que j'ai formée de vous et de votre conduite officielle, pendant le temps que j'étais Orateur de Conseil Législatif, et que vous en étiez Chapelain et Bibliothécaire.

Je m'estime heureux, je vous assure, de rencontrer cette occasion de vous écrire que pendant plus de huit ans, que nous avons été tous deux au service de cette chambre, et en rapports constants et presque journaliers, j'ai été à même de reconnaître ce que savent parfaitement tous ceux qui ont eu l'avantage de jouir de votre intimité, que votre amenité, votre délicatesse de sentiments et de manières, votre éducation, vos connaissances et vos talents, sont du premier ordre ; mais ce que d'après ma position, j'ai été à portée de remarquer plus que les autres, c'est l'urbanité exquise, l'assiduité, l'habileté, et la bonne volonté avec lesquelles vous avez en toutes circonstances, rempli vos fonctions à la satisfaction de tous.

Je n'hésite pas à exprimer la conviction où je suis, que si votre mérite accompagné de services longs et méritoires, est convenablement reconnu, vous n'aurez rien à appréhender des changements qui pourront survenir dans votre position.

Espérant qu'il en sera ainsi, et faisant pour votre prospérité, et votre succès futur, les souhaits les plus sincères, je me souscris, avec la plus parfaite estime,

Cher Monsieur,

Votre tout dévoué serviteur et ami,

R. E. CARON.

Au Rév. Dr. Adamson.

MONTREAL, *9th May*, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

In partial acknowledgment of your esteemed letter of the 25th ult., I have great pleasure in saying that I have known you long and intimately as a private friend, as well as in various public situations in this Province, and I can bear testimony to the high estimation in which I have ever known you held by the community among whom you resided.

During the time I had the honor to be Speaker of the Legislative Council, you performed your duties as Chaplain and Librarian of that Honorable House to the entire satisfaction of its members, myself included, and should your situation become detrimentally affected by the changes now in progress, I do hope your position will be duly and liberally considered, and a pension commensurate with the value and length of your services be granted to you. I fervently pray that the contingencies you apprehend will never happen, and with sincere regard, I remain, Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

PETER MCGILL.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson, L. L. D.

BROCKVILLE, *22d June*, 1855.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

I do not participate in the fears which you appear to entertain regarding the permanency of the offices which you hold in the Legislative Council of the Province; on the contrary, happen what may, I believe that your interests will be properly protected, so that in the decline of life your days may not be embittered or even clouded by harassing cares about the means of a temporal support becoming your position and merits.

I know that you stand high in the estimation of the Members of the Council, to whom you have at all times sought for opportunities to make yourself useful, and with the hold which you have on their affections, consequent on your untiring efforts to serve them, you have, I think, no cause to apprehend that any niggardly spirit will be exhibited in making provision for your comfortable support, whether as an active or retired officer of the Council.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many acts of kindness which I have received at your hands during the period that I have been a member of the Council, extending now to more

than ten years, and more particularly for the solicitude you manifested to aid me by your kind offices during the time that I presided over the deliberations of the Council.

I remain, my dear Doctor,
Very sincerely yours,

J. MORRIS.

The Rev. Doctor Adamson,
Legislative Council, Quebec.

QUEBEC, 17th November, 1855.

MY DEAR DR. ADAMSON,

I cannot leave Canada without repeating what I have often had occasion to say, that you are one of those friends who stand very high in my esteem.

I can assure you that I have been much distressed at the peculiar hardship of your case connected with the removal of the seat of Government. I hardly know any one who has suffered so much as yourself from the present system. I have often wished that the Government had more means at its disposal for satisfying claims similar to your own. I regret very much that I can see no way in which I can serve you. Al! I can say is that no one more appreciates your merits or would be more sincerely rejoiced than myself at any change that may be advantageous to you.

Believe me, with kind regards to Mrs. Adamson, in which Mrs. Hincks joins,

Yours very truly,
FRAS. HINCKS.

YORKVILLE, 28th January, 1856.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

I have read with much interest and great satisfaction the letters which you have kindly permitted me to see ; for although they refer to your services with the Legislature for a long period during which I have not been in attendance with the Legislative Council, it is most gratifying to observe, that they bear the fullest testimony to your faithful and unwearied services, which commenced at a much earlier period, during the governments of Lord Sydenham, Sir Charles Bagot, and Sir C. Metcalfe, and during

the whole of which time, I had abundant opportunity to witness in you the same undeviating and zealous discharge of duties, united to an urbanity of demeanor towards every one, which then obtained for you the affectionate esteem and regard of both Branches of the Legislature ; sentiments which it is most gratifying to observe have still been preserved in the more extended scene of your labors in the Lower Province.

I cannot but express a sincere wish, that the close of your life may be passed free the inconveniences and trials to which you, perhaps more than any other person, have been already exposed in the discharge of your most arduous duties, and I will only add, that at the close of my own career it is in every way a source of unmixed satisfaction to me to have been permitted again to renew your society and friendship.

Believe me to be, my dear Doctor,

Yours most sincerely,

P. B. DE BLAQUIERE.

The Rev. W. Agar Adamson, D. C. L.

QUEBEC, 23rd October, 1861.

MY DEAR DR. ADAMSON,

My predecessors in the office of Speaker of the Legislative Council, the Honbles. Messrs. Caron, McGill and Morris, whose letters you were so kind as to shew me, have only expressed what I feel myself, and what I am sure every Member of the Council would be happy to repeat concerning you in the discharge of your duties as Librarian and Chaplain of the Upper House : that those duties have been performed in the most efficient and satisfactory manner, is best evidenced by the fact that you have discharged them during so many years, and I am sure you will continue to do so permanently, whatever changes may take place in the composition of the Legislative Council from time to time under the Elective principle.

With kindest regards and best wishes, believe me to remain,

Yours sincerely,

JNO. ROSS.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson,
Legislative Council, Quebec.

MONTMAGNY, *le 7 Janvier, 1858.*

MON CHER DOCTEUR ADAMSON,

J'ai lu avec beaucoup d'intérêt la brochure que vous m'avez mise entre les mains contenant divers témoignages, des plus honorables en votre faveur, et qui n'ont rien d'exagéré puisque j'ai pu moi-même, durant une longue suite d'années, apprécier chez vous les rares qualités que vos nombreux amis se sont plu à énumérer d'une manière si juste et en même temps si flatteuse pour vous.

Je concours donc cordialement dans tout ce que l'honorable Mr. Caron—l'un de mes prédécesseurs distingués—a si bien exprimé à votre égard ; et je puis ajouter que, par suite d'événements qui me sont connus, j'ai pu, en sus des éloges mérités contenus dans la brochure à laquelle je viens de faire allusion, apprécier chez vous d'autres qualités, non moins rares que celles qui résultent d'une intelligence supérieure et d'une éducation accomplie ; celles qui caractérisent l'homme de cœur, sensible et honorable.

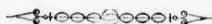
Avec l'assurance de mes meilleurs souhaits, au commencement de la nouvelle année, pour vous-même, Madame Adamson et votre famille, veuillez me croire, mon cher Docteur,

Votre très-humble et très-obéissant

Serviteur et ami,

E. P. TACHÉ.

Au Rév. Dr. Adamson,
etc., etc., etc.,
Toronto.



ADDRESSES.

The address, adopted by the Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, on Easter Monday, to the Rev. W. Agar Adamson, D. C. L., was, with a silver salver and purse, presented to the Rev. Gentleman, on Saturday last. The salver, which was of solid silver, bore the following inscription :

PRESENTED TO THE

REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,

By the Rector and Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral,
and others, his friends, with a purse of

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS,

on the occasion of his separation from them,

1st May, 1852.

MONTREAL, 12th April, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR,

As the time is fast approaching when the relationship which has subsisted between us, for eight years, is to be dissolved, I feel it to be my duty to express to you my sense of your services as Assistant Minister in my Parish.

Those services, I am glad to say, have always been willingly and effectually rendered on all occasions; and I would more especially advert to your fearless though perilous ministrations in the Immigrants' Hospital during the fearful prevalence of the ship fever in 1847.

To Mrs. Adamson I beg you will convey my sincere thanks for the active, untiring zeal she has always manifested in support of the different charities connected with the Church in this Parish.

Wishing you and your family health and happiness, and commending you to the care of God, in the remainder of your journey through life,

I remain, my dear Sir,

Your faithful brother in Christ,

JOHN BETHUNE.

Rev. Dr. Adamson.

TO THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D C. L.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Separation between a pastor and a people, for whose interests he has labored, who have been for years the objects of his care, and who appreciate his devotion to them, must ever be attended with painful feelings.

When we remember the constant and various labors of your mind, and of your pen in the cause of Religion and Virtue, in the defence of the doctrines of our Holy and beloved Church, and in the furtherance of the sacred cause of Charity. When we recollect the kindly and affectionate character of your private admonitions, and the faithful eloquence of your public preaching—when we remember your kind and constant attention to the sick, the aged, the poor, the afflicted, and the bereaved—when we bring to mind your heroic devotedness and untiring zeal at a time when pestilence ravaged this City, and so many of your clerical brethren fell victims of it—when, Rev. and dear Sir, we reflect on these circumstances, we feel deeply and keenly the loss we are about to sustain.

Difficult as it is to reconcile ourselves to an event which causes us so much regret, we submit to the conviction, that it is ruled by an all-wise Providence, and we receive some consolation in the hope, that you may be called to a sphere of labor where your talents and acquirements may be as conducive to God's glory and your own eternal happiness, as they have hitherto been; and as a slight token of our regard and esteem, permit us in the name of the Rector and Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, and others, your friends, to offer for your acceptance this small Salver and Purse.

We cannot, Rev. and dear Sir, bring these few but sincere expressions of our feelings to a close, without alluding to the zeal, charity, and untiring efforts of your amiable partner, Mrs. Adamson, in support of those Institution established for the relief of our afflicted and poor fellow citizens. For Mrs. Adamson and your family we shall humbly and fervently pray, that every blessing, temporal and eternal, may attend them; and for you, that while you are spared to labor in the Vineyard of Christ, you may be placed amongst a people who will appreciate you as you deserve, and as we now do; and that finally you may partake of everlasting joy, with those to whom you shall have been made by God's Grace the instrument of salvation.

WM. F. COFFIN,	EDWARD PRENTICE,
T. B. ANDERSON,	MRS. PRENTICE,
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MAURICE CUVILLIER,	W. HALLOWELL,
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W. F. LAMBERT, Lt. R. E.,	WILLIAM ROSS,
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L. H. DENNE, Lt. R. A.,	F. G. JOHNSON,
J. S. STOCKLEY, R. A.,	WM. WORKMAN,
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C. R. PARKINSON, Lieut. 20th	DAVID S. RAMSAY,
Regt.,	W. SUTHERLAND, M. D.,
C. F. TURNER, Lieut. 20th	G. D. GIBB, M. D.,
Regt.,	A. K. LAVICOUNT,
JAS. FRENCH, C. B. M. D.,	J. C. GRIFFIN,
D. C. NAPIER, D. A. C. G.,	S. W. MONK,
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J. STIKEMAN,
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SAMUEL COCHRAN,
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LOUIS AULDJO,
J. TRAVERS,
JAMES TORRY,
JOSEPH SHUTER,
WILLIAM CREYK,

AGNES FISHER,
FREDERICK GRIFFIN,
JANE D. ROSS,
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ELIZABETH REID,
MARY MCGILVRAY,
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R. CHALMERS,
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P. W. DEASE,
R. H. HAMILTON,
J. W. HALDIMAND,
JOHN LEEMING,
JOHN LOVELL,
JOSEPH SAVAGE,
JOHN OGILVY,
T. LYMAN,
H. JOSEPH,
JAMES GILMOUR.

Captain R.

After the presentation of the Plate and Purse by the Cathedral Congregation, a Committee of St. Ann's Congregation waited upon Dr. Adamson, and presented him with a Silver Salver, with the following inscription:

PRESENTED ON THE 1ST MAY, 1852,
BY THE CONGREGATION OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH, MONTREAL,
TO
THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,
AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THEIR
ESTEEM, REGARD, AND GRATITUDE.

And accompanied by the following address :

TO THE REV. W. A. ADAMSON, D. C. L.,

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

We, the Congregation of St. Ann's Church, cannot permit your departure from this City, so long the scene of your labors in the Ministry, without testifying the deep sense of gratitude we owe to you, and the regret which, as Churchmen, we feel at the separation.

In reviewing the history of our Church, since its erection in 1843 to the present, your name has ever been interwoven therewith. We call to remembrance your eloquent discourse, delivered on the day it was first opened for Divine Service, to a crowded audience of our fellow-Christians, many of whom have since gone to "the House not made with hands," and among them that great and good man who then ruled the affairs of this Province.

When our Church was destroyed by fire, we were again compelled to solicit donations from the public. You, ever zealous in promoting your Redeemer's Kingdom, and our welfare, immediately took the case in hand ; and by your powerful and heart-stirring appeals, obtained a considerable sum of money from our brethren in Western Canada and the United States, which, with that collected by the untiring energy of our own beloved Pastor and many other Christian friends, have enabled us to cancel all our liabilities, and the edifice may now be dedicated by consecration to the perpetual service of the Triune Jehovah.

And now, Reverend Sir, in behalf of the gentleman present and the Congregation of St. Ann's Church, we beg your acceptance of this small token of our sincere regard, ever praying that the "Great Head" of the Church may bless you, your amiable Lady and family while on earth, and that hereafter we may all meet in the Realms above, where separation will be unknown.

M. H. GAULT, *Chairman,*
 HENRY WESTON, *Secretary,*
 JOHN S. HALL, *Church-warden,*
 B. CHAMBELLIN, *do.*
 C. DORWIN, *Committee,*
 A. SMITH, *do.*
 JAS. D. BLACK, *do.*

TO THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,

CHAPLAIN TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DEAR AND REV. BROTHER,

At a time when by your removal to Quebec, we are about to experience the loss of that willing and efficient aid which during your residence for so long a period, you have ever been ready to afford in all things connected with the welfare and advancement of the Church of God in this Diocese, and when we are about to be separated from one, who by his kind offices and friendly co-operation, has endeared himself to so many of us, we, your Brethren in the Ministry, should not do justice to our feelings did we suffer you to depart without bidding you an affectionate farewell, and expressing the hope that the good Providence of God may call you to labor in some other sphere of usefulness where your talents and acquirements may be made conducive to His Glory and your own temporal and eternal happiness.

Commending your dear family and yourself to the Heavenly guidance and protection,

We remain,

Your affectionate Brethren in Christ,

Rev. W. T. LEACH, D. C. L., St. George's,
 Rev. W. BOND, Assistant, St. George's,
 Rev. J. IRWIN, St. Thomas,
 Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, St. Anne's,
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 Rev. A. H. WHITTEN, Shefford and Waterloo,
 Rev. R. WHITWELL, St. Armand West,
 Rev. T. A. YOUNG, St. Martin's and St. Therese.

ADDRESS AND DONATION TO THE REV. WILLIAM AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.

The following address was presented on the 20th instant, to the Rev. William Agar Adamson, in acknowledgment of his ministrations at Yorkville during the brief period of scarcely three months. The address was read by J. T. Brondgeest, Esq., Church-warden of St. Paul's Church. At the conclusion of the Reverend gentleman's reply, a donation, consisting of an elegant piece of silver plate and a sum of money was handed to him—the gift amounting in the whole to sixty pounds.

TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Your brief ministrations in charge of St. Paul's Church having most unexpectedly come to a close, it becomes the duty of a congregation deeply indebted to you, to record their grateful sense of the able and successful services with which they have been favored during a period of peculiar difficulty.

The undersigned members of the congregation of St. Paul's, therefore, avail themselves of the occasion of your separation from

them to express their deep regret at the loss of your zealous and efficient labors, and to assure you of the high estimation in which they hold you as a Christian Minister and a warm-hearted friend. Nor can they take leave of you without remembering, in their sorrowful adieus, the affectionate partner, whose sympathies and services have aided you in the discharge of duties, which not only demanded the most faithful spiritual care, but also a social intercourse marked by the most impartial urbanity.

That Almighty God may bless your earthly career, and perfect it in the joys of salvation, is the fervent prayer of,

Reverend and dear Sir,

Your faithful friends and late parishioners,

J. T. BRONDGEEST,
Church-warden,
and fifty-two others.

Yorkville, Toronto,
20th February, 1856.

